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PRESIDENT'S PAGE . . . . . S. Everett Phillips

Many of our members attended the conventions of the American Numismatic Association and the Canadian Numismatic Association which were held in August in Washington, D.C., and in Vancouver, B.C., respectively. Both of these annual conventions are outstanding numismatic events and this year's conventions were certainly no exception. Those who attended either show received a large dose of enthusiasm and returned home numismatically richer for the experience.

With the close of the vacation season and the advent of autumn, another important date comes to mind — Nov. 5-7. Our 49th CSNA convention in sunny, smog-free Santa Monica is just around the corner, and if you have not already done so, it is time to lay plans to attend. While we do not have quite the same stature as the national conventions, General Chairman Jim Betton has promised a superb show. This convention will be held in the beautiful Hotel Miramar overlooking the Pacific Ocean. The Miramar has excellent accommodations and fine convention facilities, so all factors indicate a truly memorable convention. I would like to meet and greet all of you in Santa Monica this fall.

Have you made use of our circulating library lately? Librarian Dorothy Beaulieu is continually adding the latest references to the library, and a request will bring any book, periodical or catalog on our shelves to you by return mail. Each member has received a library catalog, which unfortunately has the disadvantage of obsolescence all too quickly. Because of the large number of acquisitions to the library since publication of this catalog, a supplement is in preparation which will be distributed to each member. A recompiled catalog is planned in the not too distant future, listing the works in the original catalog, the supplement, and subsequent acquisitions.

While on the subject of books and publications, you have the opportunity to acquire most of the out-of-print issues of Calcoin News from our Historian Eldon Beaulieu. If you have a yen to put together a complete set of the foremost regional numismatic publication, a good place to start would be with the Historian. Available out-of-print issues were listed recently in Calcoin News.

Word has recently been received that the General Services Administration is conducting an architectural and economic study of various uses of the old U.S. Mint Building in San Francisco. Court, museum, institutional, office and commercial uses are under consideration. There is much interest in the possibility of developing the building as a National Museum which would create an ideal location for the display of our "Californiana Collection". We are hopeful that the building will eventually house a National Museum on the West Coast.

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OBITUARY NOTICE

Our sympathies to **Robert G. McArthur,** CSNA president 1955-1957, on the loss of his wife **Lois** last April. While not a CSNA member, Mrs. McArthur was faithful in her attendance at our conventions with "Mac", and we are sure all who knew her will miss her.

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Our sympathies to the family of **Karl M. Brainard,** CSNA-327, deceased August 21. Karl joined CSNA in its second year, 1948, and served on the board of governors during the period 1960-1965. Karl was always ready to lend a helping hand; was well known to all California numismatists; and was in attendance at almost every CSNA convention. He will be missed at our coming conventions.

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At a recent coin show a coin club president was seen buying far more paper money than he could afford.

"Your wife will sure hit the ceiling", one of us said.

"Yeah", this president replied, "She's a lousy shot!"

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One of our younger members, a few years ago was at an age when he played marbles at school, but he wasn't very good at it.

After he lost all his marbles — he became our editor.

(Editor's Note:—There is no truth in the above statement that this refers to your present Calcoin News editor! Or, is there?)

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At the recent ANA convention, announcement was made as to the winner of the contest for the best state or regional publication, and the best local club bulletin, issued during the year 1970.

We are indeed proud to state that CSNA won the first award for the state/regional clubs; and that the San Diego Numismatic Society (Dorothy Baber, editor) came in first in the local club competition!

Pictured above is the emblem presented to CSNA. (The emblem presented to SDNS is similar.)

As editor of Calcoin News, I wish to thank my assistant editors for their cooperation during the past several years, and to thank the many members who have contributed articles and other pieces of information for Calcoin News. Without this assistance I could not have put Calcoin News at the top. My thanks also to those persons who have written me, telephoned me, and spoken in person to me, congratulating me upon this award.

—LES LODGE

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Although the coinage of Ceylon under the crown of Great Britain dates back more than a century, it was not until 1956 that a commemorative coin was issued for that country.

CNA CONVENTION

At the **Canadian Numismatic Association** convention in Vancouver, B.C., whenever one turned around he saw another familiar face from California. Yes, there were about 25 in attendance.

The convention was well attended by CNA members, local collectors, and those who came from various parts of the United States. Registration totaled about 2,025 persons.

The 46 dealers present were from varied parts of the Dominion of Canada and of the United States (15 from the U.S.A.). With the variety of stock they had for sale, all seemed to be quite busy.

There were 53 exhibitors (43 with competitive exhibits and 10 with invitational), using 146 cases for 73 exhibits. Best-of-show was won by Norman W. Williams, the incoming CNA president. All the exhibits were first class, and it is too bad more of them could not have won prizes. Our Californians did themselves proud: — three exhibitors — Clay Read, Jim Betton and Jack Nestle had exhibits — and each won an award!

The forum, with two excellent speakers, was attended by about 50 persons; and the banquet by about 150.

It was your editor's first trip to British Columbia, and he thoroughly enjoyed every minute of it — meeting several Canadians with whom he had had correspondence; renewing his friendship with several he had met in Ontario a couple of years ago; meeting outstanding numismatists he had not met before; and in general having a fine time with our friendly neighbors to the north. Even the imigration guards cooperated, and there was absolutely no trouble in taking his automobile into Canada and back into the States!

Many thanks to all those who helped make my visit an enjoyable and memorable one.

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In some parts of Mexico, soap was once used as money. It is said it was easy to smell the richest man in town!

COIN DEALING IN MANILA

By ALDO P. BASSO, Manila—CSNA-1047

For a city of nearly four million people, Manila has a minimum number of legitimate coin dealers . . . about a dozen or so to be exact, plus numerous "vest pocket" dealers. The average collector here is a vest pocket dealer, trying to pick up a little profit to enable him to buy coins for his private collection.

The hub of coin activity is located, in a narrow alley, at the Cartimar Market on Claro M. Recto Avenue, Manila. This market place, consisting of about 80 to 100 stalls of approximately 80 square feet each, is all under one roof. Here you will find used book dealers galore, bookbinders, a few antique dealers, lotion shops and only seven coin dealers. There are several other coin dealers on Recto Avenue and in various other parts of Manila.

One might describe coin dealing here in Manila as a "Flea Market" type of operation, since most of the dealers carry a very limited inventory compared to dealers in the States . . . perhaps as little as a few hundred dollars worth of coins only. Most of the dealers sell antiques, old watches, bric-a-brac and junk besides coins. Whenever a high-priced coin is purchased by a dealer, it is turned over immediately to another dealer or a collector, if he happens to be around at that particular moment, since the dealer cannot afford to hold on to it for any length of time due to lack of funds. If one happens to be on hand when one of these rare coins, or even collections is offered, he will generally end up with a "good buy". Since the Cartimar Market is about a ten minute walk from my residence, I usually go there nearly every day . . . maybe for a few minutes or a couple of hours, and have been in on a couple of good buys. Most often the better coins are offered to Americans first or to the wealthier local collector at a fairly high price, since the dealer wants to get all he can, as soon as he can. If he finds no immediate buyer, the price is then reduced until the coin is sold.

Real bargains are a thing of the past here now, as all the local dealers are aware of the rare coins that are apt to be found in the Philippines, and they all have the latest numismatic books, which was not true in the past. There are quite a number of local collectors who will often pay very high prices for scarce Philippine, Mexican or Spanish coins. Here, it is a must to always bargain when buying coins, even if the coin is priced low to begin with. When converting the pesos into dollars, the price may seem very reasonable, but if one doesn't bargain, the next time he will be forced to pay the fixed price set by the dealer. As in the States, one will generally hear this familiar remark by a coin dealer: "I paid 33 pesos for this coin, so I must get 35 pesos for it". A week later, if still available, the same coin can be purchased for maybe 20 pesos.

Unfortunately, a number of rare coins have been counterfeited here and have been a "black-eye" to the collector of Philippine coins, so I think a word about these counterfeits would be most fitting at this time. I have been here in Manila now for more than eleven months and am happy to report that these counterfeits are not as readily available as in the past. Most of the local counterfeits originate from Baguio City, a small resort town north of Manila. The most popular counterfeits are the 1906-S peso, either cast or having an altered date and easily distinguishable; rare dates of U.S. dollars which are cast and the following Mexican rarities: the 1732 and 1733 Pillar type dollars, the EoMo eight reales and some various dates of the four and eight reales Pillar type dollars. I might also mention the rare Philippine 1910-S ten centavo coin, which in my opinion was never minted. Most of these counterfeits are generally offered for sale to tourists outside of the leading hotels here in Manila by individuals, who wouldn't dare try to sell them to local dealers, since the dealers know these individuals and generally have nothing to do with them. I have seen several fake U.S. $5 gold pieces, which have been brought in from Singapore. There are also fake 1967 25 centavo coins circulating here now, which are being made from the earlier type of five centavo coins of nickel.

For the past several years, the Philippines has been a haven for the antique collector or dealer, as many

fine pieces of Chinese porcelain have been excavated in the provinces. Very often, many coin hoards are found during these diggings. I have been fortunate to buy a number of these hoards to date. These coins hoards, after being found, may change hands four or five times before reaching the Manila coin dealers. The most common "finds" here are the silver Mexican Liberty Cap eight real coins and the Liberty Cap peso. They are usually found up north, due to the fact that the Japanese, when retreating from Manila during the liberation of the Philippines, carried with them thousands of these silver coins, but eventually had to discard or bury them, perhaps with the hope of someday returning to the islands to recover them. Other noteworthy coins that are occasionally found here in hoards are old four and eight Maravedi coins from Spain; the silver issues for the Philippines of Isabella and Alfonso 10, 20 and 50 centavos; Mexican Pillar dollars; the 1897 Philippine peso; and numerous one-half, one and two reales Pillar type dollars of the Mexican mint, but in very poor condition. A number of the bust-type eight reales of Mexico and Central America appear on the market, but again only in low grade and very often with chopmarks. All in all, I might say the silver coins are rapidly disappearing. Even the common sea-salvaged Philippine peso of 1907-1912 are not readily available any longer . . . at least in quantity.

As are all Filipinos, the local coin dealer is very hospitable and courteous and will most always offer a customer some kind of soft drink, lunch or snack. The dealers have many times trusted me for a few days when I was short of funds and even went so far as to lend me money to buy coins from other dealers. There is no problem with the language barrier here, as all the coin dealers speak English. Two very important Filipino words I have picked up are magkano, meaning how much, and mahal, meaning too much!

It is encouraging to see the increase of the serious coin collector here in Manila, who does not hesitate to buy any rare or choice coin being offered . . . either Philippine, foreign or U.S., with price being no object. I had been a dealer for eleven years in the States with one of my specialities being Philippine coins, but with a very limited market here, while the better coins sold readily in the States. Now the picture is reversing, as the demand here for choice or rare Philippine coins is on the upswing and shows promise of getting better. The fact, that so very few choice or rare Philippine coins are ever offered for sale in the States proves that there just isn't an abundance of choice material available. It probably won't be long until Philippine coins will take the limelight and it will be justly so.

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While the eagle is one of the most popular birds portrayed on coins, the United States is the only nation which has named a denomination after it.

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Who's Who In California Numismatics

JAMES R. BRIGGS

By BYRON O. BURKE, JR.

If the future of numismatics is in the hands of the young collector, then the hobby is in very capable hands if they are the hands of **James Briggs,** known as **"Randy".** Randy is now president of the San Bernardino County Coin Club, treasurer of the American British Numismatic Society, and a member of the CSNA board of governors. A very impressive list of positions for a man only twenty-two years old, younger than most of the clubs with which he is affiliated.

What background would prepare such a young person for these responsibilities? Randy gives his parents most of the credit. Both Forrest and Mary Briggs are involved in education and have guided their son to get involved in school activities in order to reap the most profit. Graduating from high school with honors, he chose the California State College at San Bernardino for his undergraduate work in business management. He is now in the process of adding his master's degree in history at the University of California at Riverside. At State his involvement included the job of business manager for the school paper, the "Pawprint".

His father exposed Randy to coins in 1955 when the lad was but five years old. The disclosure was through a penny board which his son attempted to fill by checking rolls of cents. After seven years, at age twelve, Randy had all but the six keys. When the "cent collector" visited Fred Coops, a San Bernardino coin dealer, he found himself surrounded by coins far more exciting than Lincoln cents and a dealer who was willing to get some out for him to see. Randy was intrigued, thrilled and hooked. Before long he was in a dozen coin organizations including CSNA, ANA, ANS, Royal Numismatic Society, and the Royal Asiatic Society. Those who have met Randy agree with the observation of Herbert Bergen, ANA president, that this young fellow could one day be at the helm of the national organization.

Randy and Don Lannon, ANA's Junior-of-the-Year, formed the International Bureau of Numismatic Re-

search which contracted for research and sponsored trophies for coin shows. Randy soon found that he was just as interested in the exhibit area as the bourse tables. He discovered he could collect the knowledge of coins even though he did not have the dollars to own them. Others noticed his interest in the history of the coins and requested the neophyte's aid in club and convention displays. CSNA solicited his services in 1970 and has retained him for the job of exhibit chairman for the coming Santa Monica convention. Charles Colver, CSNA secretary, along with others, praised the manner in which Randy handled the presentations of the display awards at the banquet last year.

Fellow members of the San Bernardino County Coin Club have for years used Randy as a resource person, noting he could not only attribute a coin but could give a sketch of the ruler and reveal some sidelights of the times in which the coin was manufactured. Fred Coops witnessed enough of these conferences to recognize the young member's ability and hired him on a part-time basis. This afforded Randy two benefits. He had a job which would put him through college and exposed him to a vast stock of ancient and foreign coins. On the job, Randy expanded his numismatic knowledge — a knowledge he shares with fellow collectors.

Seventeen years of collecting, researching, and working in a coin shop are not the only features of his numismatic background. He has traveled extensively in the United States, Mexico, Canada and most of the European countries. While on trips he constantly searches for coins or numismatic information. One of the highlights of his life was living in the coin and medal room of the British Museum for a few days. He has personally met some of the mint officials in Europe, and has had the opportunity to examin a U.S. mint from floor level rather than from the visitor's stations.

His collecting interests include a little of all fields. He particularly likes the coins of George III of England. His illustrated review of the coins of Ceylon, during the reign of George III, was so outstanding that it was selected as a forum feature at the recent CSNA Fresno convention. He is currently compiling a book about the coins of Ceylon. Typical of his thoroughness, he is communicating with historians and collectors of that island to insure that his work is accurate. He is also co-authoring a book about foreign military paper money, which will investigate some of the very early issues as well as the modern currencies.

The appealing part of this young man's personality is that he supports the "old time" collector's belief that the comradeship and social aspects of the hobby are as much fun as that of preserving coins. Randy numbers most of his best friends among the numismatic circles. He looks forward to attending each state and national convention in order to meet with his coin collecting associates and make new acquaintances.

Next time you see a young man with a keen interest in the displays, look to see if it is Randy and say "hello". After a few words you'll have a secure feeling about the future of numismatics.

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BYZANTINE COIN VALUES

The second edition of the popular book — **"Byzantine Coin Values"** by Paul F. Rynearson, has been released by Malter-Westerfield Publishing Co.

The first edition has been used as a standard guide to the bronze, silver and gold coins of Byzantium by all collectors and students of this series. This second, revised and expanded edition, is an easy-to-use book suited to the novice, advanced collector and dealer. It covers the bronze, silver and gold coins of Byzantium, and with its descriptive information, coin values and fine illustrations is a "must" in any numismatic library. In addition, it includes a list of saints appearing on Byzantine coins; a dictionary of ancient numismatic terms; mint marks, and a bibliography.

This hard-cover book of 112 pages is well illustrated. Price is $7.50, and if not available at your favorite dealer may be ordered direct from Malter-Westerfield Pub. Co., Inc., P.O. Box 343, San Clemente, Calif. 92672.

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Cent, centas, centavo, centesimo, centime and centimo are all denominations used to indicate one-hundredth of a major unit or denomination.

North of the Tehachapis

By JERRY KROEGER, CSNA 18-4

Fresno Numismatic Society has been recognized as the No. 1 coin club in the nation by the American Numismatic Association for its **National Coin Week** efforts. FNS was in competition with 1,250 other coin clubs throughout the nation. The recognition was based on a scrapbook of the club's activities which was prepared by **Paul Endler.** Some of the activities outlined in the scrapbook were: community service projects, educational programs, and the presentation of an award-winning film to the Fresno Board of Education. FNS is indebted to Paul for his untiring efforts and thank him for this honor.

It's time to remind you again of the Fresno District Fair, Oct. 7-17. Put this on your calendar of coming events.

Delta Coin Club (Stockton) has been enticing its junior members with Delta Dollars. Juniors obtain these dollars by attending regular meetings, displaying coins at these meetings and at local coin shows for competition, and a host of other things. These Delta Dollars can be used to "purchase" numismatic material. Our thanks to **Syd Kass** for directing this program.

Vincent Beretta of **Sacramento Valley Coin Club** had his Olympic Medals Exhibit (CSNA "Best of Show", November 1970) at the ANA convention in August. Vincent also had his Sacramento tokens and medals in a non-competitive exhibit.

The coin grading contest at SVCC in April was won by Dan Yuke. There were some tricky coins which taxed everyone's ability.

SVCC meets the second and fourth Wednesdays at the High School cafeteria, 21st and Broadway, at 8 o'clock.

Pacific Coast Numismatic Society of San Francisco heard **Jerry Schimmel** give a talk on Sales Tax Tokens, illustrated with examples of different types ranging from cardboard milk-bottle tops to plastic tokens.

In June, PCNS held its 56th anniversary banquet at Gino's restaurant with 47 members and guests in attendance. Highlight was the presentation to **Mrs. Harry Cutler** of a certificate that she had been elected a "Fellow" of the Pacific Coast Numismatic Society. This is the first time in more than ten years that a "Fellow" has been elected by PCNS, and the first time ever that a woman has been so honored.

To be deserving of such an honor as this, Mrs. Cutler has indeed rendered service to PCNS far beyond the call of duty, having been an outstanding member for nearly 30 years, has served on many committees, has been librarian-curator, secretary, editor of the monthly bulletin, and a constant exhibitor. In other words, you name it and she has done it. Congratulations Mrs. Cutler, we are indeed grateful for your service.

Seen in the San Jose Sun on May 5, was an article on **Rudy Gjurovich,** the King of Koin Kollectors, which stated that Rudy was a double for W. C. Fields! That shillelagh he carries at conventions is not used just in his capacity as sergeant-at-arms; it is also to "discourage" would-be snatchers of money from his famous "money suit".

Diablo Numismatic Society is beginning to receive applications for bourse and exhibit space for the forthcoming Coin Show, Sept. 26. Bourse chairman is Karl Manthei and exhibit chairman is Ron White, P. O. Box 21112, Casa Corello Station, Concord.

Hanford Coin Club's editor **Fred Tinkham** writes of the club commemorating the twenty-fifth year of operation with the issuance of wooden quarters. These quarters depict a line drawing of the statue "The End of the Trail", which was also incorporated in the emblem of HCC in 1970.

HCC meets the first Tuesday of each month at the Hanford Library.

The fifth annual **Central California Coin Club Show** was held at the end of July. The treasure hunt was the highlight of the show and was enjoyed by junior and seniors alike. Large crowds insured the dealers of a brisk business and from all indications everyone was pleased with the results.

Les Lodge, Editor of Calcoin News, attended the **Vallejo Numismatic Society's** July meeting and introduced our book "Money Talks". The book was received very well and many sales were made. (Les hopes to be able to take in every club in Northern California, and push the sale of this book.)

Al Virag donated some wooden nickels to the persons who bid in the auction. These nickels were from the California State Numismatic Association Convention in April 1957, held in Vallejo. That brought back memories to your assistant editor.

This seems to be the time of year to honor those who have been faithful to their clubs. Now is the time to honor **Denis Hooker** and **Rudy Gjurovich** of the **San Jose Coin Club.** Denis was awarded a placque in appreciation for his many years of maintaining the auction at SJCC regular meetings. Many Thanks, Denis, from all the members.

Rudy will be honored at the annual coin show planned for Jan. 29 - 30, 1972 at the fabulous Hyatt House, 1740 N. First St., San Jose. His image will appear on a medal that will be struck for the occasion. The medals are 1 9/16", and will be struck in copper, oxidized silver and fine silver. They will sell for $1.50, $2.50 and $10.00 respectfully, by mail order or will be available at the show.

Bourse chairman will be **Mark Reaves,** P. O. Box 5621, San Jose, Calif. 95050.

San Jose Coin Club meets on the first Monday of each month at 20 W. Hedding St., San Jose, at 7:30 P.M.

South of the Tehachapis

By NONA G. MOORE, CSNA 1573

C.O.I.N.

The eighth annual **Convention of International Numismatics** held at the Los Angeles Hilton in June was a whopping success. Credit is due **Gordon Z. Greene,** convention general chairman, **James Waldorf,** bourse chairman, and the twelve participating foreign coin clubs who did such a splendid job. Paid registration totaled about 1200. One of the highlights was the four-session auction held by **Hans Schulman,** consisting mainly of the Kann collection of Oriental coins. These were not only well-atttended, but buying was very heavy.

63 dealers comprised the bourse room, active at all times, and everyone seemed to be well satisfied. 58 cases of exhibits were shown by 32 exhibitors, six of whom were from out-of-state. **Dr. N. B. Gitlin** of Northridge won Best-of-Show with "Commemorative Coins of Israel."

Virgil Hancock of Texas was installed as the new president of **OIN** during the convention, and one of his first accomplishments was to rename the OIN magazine "OIN-O-GRAM," the "Journal of International Numismatics".

ABNS ANNUAL BANQUET

The **American British Numismatic Society** held its third annual installation July 29, aboard the SS Princess Louise, a floating restaurant permanently moored in Long Beach harbor.

Seventy members and guests were in attendance. **Abe Kosoff** was master of ceremonies, and **Everett Phillips** served as installing officer. Banquet chairmen were **Mr.** and **Mrs. William O. Wisslead.** Guest speaker was **John O. Houlton** of the British Consulate Office of Los Angeles; his subject being the decimal change over of British coins.

Newly elected and installed officers of ABNS are: **John Ballard,** president; **Ed McClung,** vice president; **Randy Briggs,** treasurer; and **Mrs. Elizabeth Wisslead,** secretary. Members of the board are: **William O. Wisslead, James J. Waldorf, Mike Cash, Charles Colver** and **Mrs. Peggy Borgolte.**

"THE STORY OF WOODEN MONEY"

Earl O'Cathey of Pomona, first vice president of the **International Order of Wooden Money Collectors,** who has

been researching wooden money for many years, completed a 53 page book on the subject. The book is available, without cost, to any wooden money collector who joins IOWMC at $3.50 per year dues. Applicants can write Donna Streeter, secretary-treasurer, 900 Stanton, Bay City, Michigan 47806.

NATIONAL COIN WEEK

Downey Numismatists participated with an exhibit in the branch of a Downey bank. Many nostalgic coins of the early part of the century were shown.

WHITE ELEPHANT SALES

A popular fund-raising activity, white elephant sales were held at the **Clairemont Coin Club** in May, **Fontana United Numismatists** and **La Mirada Coin Club** in July, as well as **Downey Numismatists** in August.

NUMISMATIC CLUB WORKSHOP

NASC held its first workshop recently at the Los Angeles Hilton, the first of its kind in the nation. "How to improve participation and quality of coin club meetings" and "Solving general coin club problems" were the themes discussed. 83 attended from the 81 membership clubs. **Ben Abelson,** NASC president and workshop chairman, stated a complete resume of the six-hour session will be available to all clubs in the near future.

NEW MIDWESTERNERS

Dan Harley, CSNA past president, and his lovely wife, **Irene,** have moved from Claremont to Little Rock Arkansas. Dan has been very active in all facets of numismatics in Southern California since the mid-fifties; and he has now accepted a position as representative of The Franklin Mint in the Midwestern States from Chicago on the east down through the south to Florida.

Word is that they have found a very lovely two-story home near the river, where Dan expects to get in plenty of fishing and Irene can enjoy the magnolias (are they in Arkansas, too?) and learn the Southern drawl!

Believe me, they are both going to be missed by everyone, and Little Rock — and The Franklin Mint — are gaining a huge asset. "Best wishes to the Harley's, but do not forget us in Southern California!"

PALESTINE MANDATE COIN BOOK UPDATED

Author **Richard Trowbridge** advises that his second edition of "The Coinage of the Palestine Mandate" is now available. Signatures appearing in notes and issue dates are listed with the paper money issued.

BUSY NUMISMATIST ATTAINS HIGH DEGREE

Sol Taylor, triple-term past president of **Whittier Coin Club,** somehow found time to complete his doctoral program during three years of evening and summer study, and recently attained a Doctor of Education from USC. His thesis was "The Orientation and Inservice Education Programs for Beginning Secondary School Teachers". Congratulations, Sol!

MEMBERSHIP BONUS

Members of the **Ancient Coin Club of America,** Santa Monica, receive a chart of Hebrew coinage as a bonus for membership. The chart shows coins circulating in ancient Judea before 135 AD, including Jewish coins of the Hasmonean period and first and second revolts against Roman rule, plus many Greek and Roman issues. It will be a valuable aid for attributing ancient coins as it illustrates coins to be found in specialized books, and should be an added incentive for membership in this highly specialized group.

TENTH ANNIVERSARY

Christensen and Stone, Temple City, recently marked their tenth year of mail auctions. Alva and Ethel state their first mail bid sale was in July 1961 and 49% of those who bid in that first sale are still customers today.

California Exonumist Society marked its tenth anniversary with a special celebration at the Huntington-Sheraton Hotel, Pasadena, in July. More than 200 attended the active event at which **Wayne Dennis** presented a very interesting talk on "Rare Wooden Money". **Gil Schmidtmann's** dissertation on "Nevada Ghost Towns" captivated the audience, and considerable time was spent afterwards looking at his extensive 24-foot display of **Nevadiana.** The first 100 registrants at the one-day show received a "boodle bag" of exonumia.

BAKERSFIELD

1,977 visitors attended the tenth

annual **Bakersfield Coin Club Show** held at the Casa Royale Motor Inn, chairmanned by **Lowell Galyan.** Best-of-show winner was **Lowell Galyan** with his coins with Chinese chopmarks. The top junior award went to **Melissa Galyan.**

"ARTISTS" IN THEIR MIDST

Fontana United Numismatists were favored with a humorous numismatic skit presented by **Ruth Coon, Nona Moore** and **Ben Coon,** who portrayed an investigator, Ben Mintmorgan.

LUCKY MEMBERS!

Long Beach Coin Club has been giving gold pieces as door prizes this summer.

GEOGRAPHY LESSONS

Something a little different is accomplished at the **International Numismatic Society** of San Diego, when a different country is studied monthly —its history, money, art and people. A work sheet is distributed and brought to the meeting with all interesting items completed concerning the particular country. Clippings are read to the group, briefly discussed, and then placed on a bulletin board. Recently Ireland was the featured country. **Elsie Hill** treated the group with personal slides of her many trips throughout Erin. A "Coinival" was held recently with those who attended coming in the costume of any country. Good food, games and frolic were enjoyed.

POTLUCK

To help its treasury, **Betty Hamm** organized a potluck dinner for **La Mesa Numismatic Society.** Food selections were 10¢ a scoop, but when dollar bills were offered there was never any change available! As a result, the treasury was more than doubled.

GET WELL WISHES

Are extended to **Murray Singer,** NASC past president, who had a very serious heart attack. He spent many weeks at the Cedars of Lebanon Hospital, but is now recuperating at home.

FIRST ANNIVERSARY

San Gabriel Valley Exonumist Society held its first anniversary meeting recently with 21 members in attendance. It is the first independent medal club to be organized in Southern California. It meets regularly on the fourth Monday. Interested applicants can write Box AK, Rosemead 91770.

CONDOLENCES

Joseph Wozniak died of a heart attack last June in Tujunga. A WWII veteran he was buried in Sawtelle Veterans' cemetery. Wozniak was well known as specializing in Mexican and Canadian coins. He also operated the Valley Gun Shop and the Frontier Gun Shop in Disneyland for several years.

NEW OFFICERS

San Dieguito Coin Club — Charles Nissen, president; **Walter Pratt,** vice president; **Vincent Robbins,** secretary.

San Gabriel Valley Exonumists Society — Cliff Kreizel, president; **Ethel Stone,** vice president; **Xenia Kreizel,** treasurer; **Margaret Sandusky,** recording secretary; **Paul Schymos,** corresponding secretary.

University Numismatic Club (Riverside) — **Don Dashner,** president; **Ed Uhlig,** vice president; **Rudy Toporsh,** treasurer; **Ruth Butler,** secretary.

SPEAKERS LIST

Sol Taylor, "The Trends of India"; **Mel Fishel,** "Around the World" — American British Numismatic Society.

Peggy and Ed Borgolte, "A Tour of West Germany" (movies); **Rosendo River,** "The Music of World Numismatics;" **Bill Braithwaite,** "Mayan Ruins of Yucatan" (slides) — California Foreign Coin Club.

Stu Edgerton, "Ancient Japanese" — Clairemont Coin Club.

Al Baber, "nickel"; **Vince Bacon,** "American Heritage" — Convair Coineer.

Irv Brotman, "Temple Tokens of India"; **Charles Colver,** "U.S. Cents, 1793 to date;" **G. A. Ayers,** "A Century of Progress" — Covina Coin Club.

Sol Taylor, "Glimpses of India" (slides); **Bob Allebe,** "The Coin Collector Today" — Downey Numismatists.

Beverly Lundberg, "Mardi Gras 1971;" **Jack Wetwiler,** "Civil War Tokens"; **Dwight Safford,** "Patriotism in Coins"; **Jack McIntyre,** "Sharpshooting Medals" — East San Diego Coin Club.

Charles Colver, "Britain and Colonial Coins" — Echo Park Coin Club.

Claire and Ben Abelson, "Portrait

of Israel Through its Commemorative Coins" (slides); **Sol Taylor,** "Allegorical Figures in Israel's Coins" — Israel Coin Club of Los Angeles.

Ethel Stone and Alva Christensen, "A Tour of England" — Israel Numismatic Society (San Gabriel).

Leona Kohl, "A Female Belle Slave in Timbuktu"; **Howard Washburn,** "Elongated Coins" — Long Beach Coin Club.

Charles Colver, "U. S. Cents" — Los Angeles Coin Club.

Maurice Gould, "The Marriage of Coins and Stamps"; **Charles Colver,** "Coins of the British Commonwealth" — North Hollywood Coin Club.

Gordon Z. Greene, "My Mormon Heritage"; **Cliff Kreizel,** "Ivory as a Medium of Exchange" — Orange County Coin Club.

"Randy" Briggs, "Coins of Ceylon before 1820" — Pomona Valley Coin Club.

Cliff Kreizel, "Ivory as a Medium of Exchange"; **Al Baber,** "Gold"; **Dwight Safford,** "50th Anniversary Naval Aviation Medal" — San Diego Numismatic Society.

Ethel Lenhert, "California Missions"; **Peggy Borgolte,** "Numismatic Tour of Israel" (slides) — San Fernando Valley Coin Club.

Jim Waldorf, "Currency of Estonia" — S.I.N., Los Angeles.

Leona Kohl, "A Female Belle Slave in Timbuktu" — S.I.N., San Gabriel.

Leona Kohl, "A Female Belle Slave in Timbuktu"; **Frank Ortiz,** "Me and My Mexico" — Southern Hub Coin Club.

Maurice Gould, "Numismatics"; **Bryan Burke,** "The Influence of the Franco-Prussian War on Numismatics"; **G. A. Ayers,** "Circus Scrip" — Tustin Coin Club.

Ed Uhlig, "The Leper Colony Coins"; **Don Dashner,** "Coins of Saarland and Viscayan Republic" — University Numismatic Club, Riverside.

Betty Case, "Medals and Tokens of Ohio" — West Valley Coin Club.

Dr. Robert Blum, "Civil War Tokens" — Whittier Coin Club.

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From the Desk of the Librarian

We wish to thank **W. B. Keeney, Richard J. Trowbridge, Lesley G. Lodge, Earl R. O'Cathey, Peggy Borgolte, Harold Don Allen, Moravske Museum V Brne** and **Almanzar's Coins of the World** for their donations to the library.

New books on hand:

A-36 Album, Stephen. California Trade Token Place Names.
A-37 Allen, Harold Don. Canadian Numismatic Digest.
B-63 Betts, Benjamin. Mexican Imperial Coinage.
O-5 O'Cathey, Earl R. The Story of Wooden Money.
S-74 Stickney, Brian R. Numismatic History of Republic of Panama.
S-75 Seibal, Jiri. Moravian Numismatic Literature.
T-19 Trowbridge, Richard J. Crowns of the British Empire.
Y-1 Yeoman, R. D. Guide Book of U.S. Coins - 24th Edition.

Publications received:

Numismatic Scrapbook
TAMS Journal
NASC Quarterly
COIN-O-GRAM

—DOROTHY E. BEAULIEU

The screw press replaced the hammer and punch for striking English coins about 1650, during the rule of Oliver Cromwell.

On the introduction of the U.S. Liberty Seated Quarter in 1838, the lettering of the denomination was changed from 25C to QUAR DOL.

49th CSNA Semi-Annual Convention

Jim Betton, our general chairman, advises all plans for our coming CSNA semi-annual convention at the Miramar Hotel, Wilshire and Ocean, Santa Monica, November 5, 6, 7, 1971, are progressing at a fine rate.

Following is the tentative program for this three-day event (subject to possible slight changes in the schedule and listing of additional features):

THURSDAY, Nov. 4, 1971

3:00 PM—Security Room Open
6:00 PM—Exhibit and Bourse Rooms open for setting up (Satellite and Aviation Rooms)

FRIDAY, Nov. 5, 1971

9:00 AM—Satellite and Aviation Rooms open to dealers and exhibitors
10:00 AM—Registration desk open; bourse and exhibit rooms open
11:00 AM—Hospitality Room open (Mars Rooms)
11:55 AM—Ladies Luncheon (gentlemen welcome, too) (International Room)
2:00 PM—Tour of Will Rogers State Park and Home
2:00 PM—Tour of Paul Getty Museum
(Both tours tentative; probable charge $1 or $1.50 each)
2:00 PM—Franklin Mint showing of new 16mm film (Saturn Room)
3:00 PM—CSNA Executive Board Meeting (Venus Room)
8:00 PM—Educational Forum (Venus Room)
10:00 PM—Bourse and Exhibit areas close

SATURDAY, Nov. 6, 1971

10:00 AM—Registration Desk, Bourse and Exhibit areas open
10:30 AM—CSNA General Business Meeting (Venus and Jupiter Rooms)
1:00 PM—California Exonumist Society Meeting and Forum (Venus and Jupiter Rooms)
1:00 PM—Franklin Mint Film (Mars Room)
3:00 PM—American British Numismatic Society and Society of International Numismatics Forum (Venus and Jupiter Rooms)
6:00 PM—No-host Cocktail Hour (Nautilus Room)
7:30 PM—Banquet and Awards (Nautilus Room)
10:00 PM—Bourse and Exhibit areas close

SUNDAY, Nov. 7, 1971

10:00 AM—Registration Desk, Bourse and Exhibit areas open
10:30 AM—Brunch (International Room)
11:55 AM—Franklin Mint Film (Mars Room)
4:00 PM—Removal of Exhibits
5:00 PM—Convention Adjourns
7:00 PM—Security Room closes for evening

MONDAY, Nov. 8, 1971

8:00 AM—Security Room open
10:00 AM—Security Room abandoned

As stated above, this is a tentative program. To be included in the program is a two or three session auction. Please refer to the official program which you will receive at time of registering for possible changes in rooms, changes in time of events, and additional activities.

Convention headquarters are the Miramar Hotel, Wilshire and Ocean, Santa Monica. Convention rates are: Single, $12 and $14; Twin or Double, $17 and $19; Suite for three persons, $25; Suite for four persons, $30; extra Rollaway Bed, $4. Hotel reservation cards are enclosed with this issue of Calcoin News, and should be returned to the hotel not later than Oct. 10.

Let's have the biggest and best turn-out yet for any of our conventions. Let's have some outstanding exhibits—the more the better. Remember the dates—Nov. 5-7. Remember the place—Miramar Hotel, Santa Monica. And—above all—remember to attend.

YOUR CONVENTION HOST CLUBS

BAY CITIES COIN CLUB

Organized in early 1944, with 20 charter members and Dr. O. K. Grier as president, the club first met in the board room of the Santa Monica Bank at Fourth and Arizona Sts., through the courtesy of **Aubrey Austin,** president of the bank, who later in 1947 became president of BCCC.

Bay Cities Coin Club was unique among California coin clubs in that it was a stag or men's club. No ladies attended the club from the time of organization in 1944 until 1949, when **Karl M. Brainard** became president. Ladies were invited to join, and in 1949 eight out of twelve new members were ladies. The records show that **Grace Brainard, Thelma Case, Maud Davidson, Mrs. Charles Mills, Anna Block, Mrs. Sam Kabealo, Frances Palmer** and **Mary Lee Wedertz** joined that year. From 1949 to 1971, the membership of BCCC has been almost equally divided between women and men.

Over the years BCCC has produced many notable collectors who have gone on to serve as officers in other clubs. Our fifth president, **Harry Davidson,** became president of the California State Numismatic Association; and nine presidents of the Numismatic Association of Southern California have come from BCCC. These were: **Charles Ruby, W.B. (Bill) Fanning, Clarence (Slim) Dunbar, George Bennett, Karl M. Brainard, Ed Borgolte, Peggy Borgolte** (the first woman president of NASC), **Jim Betton** and **Ben Abelson.** Back in 1950, **Louis M. Reagan,** then Secretary of ANA, was appointed honorary member No. 85. What other club has furnished so much leadership to other numismatic organizations?

Bay Cities Coin Club has played host for two CSNA conventions — the first one in 1948; and the second one in 1961 with Culver City Coin Club as co-host. **Karl Brainard** was chairman of both conventions. Karl's wife, **Gracie,** has the distinction of serving Bay Cities as an officer longer than anyone else. Gracie was treasurer of the club for six years, and during that time the club was never broke!

—THELMA M. CASE

CULVER CITY COIN CLUB

Culver City Coin Club was started in November 1958, by a group of friends in that city. First, when the group was small, the members met at each other's homes. It is a non-profit organization. The first 41 members are charter members; and our first president was **Eric Warner.**

Quite a few of our original members are still with us. **Paul Thornburg** was our first second vice president, and still retains that post "by choice". This year the Board of Governors voted to award Honorary Life Membership to **Paul Thornburg** and **Maurice Shabazian,** for their continued service to CCCC.

In 1968 we had a membership of 109 paid up members. However, our current paid-up membership consists of about 50 members, including juniors. Our dues have been two dollars per year for adults and one dollar for juniors. We print and mail to each member a monthly bulletin called "The Four C Journal". As most clubs, we have lost some members during the past few years either through death or drop-out.

Current officers are:
M. L. McLaflin, President
Melvin W. Fishel, 1st Vice President
Paul Thornburg, 2nd Vice President
Millicent Fishel, Treasurer
Cora Vick, Corresponding Secretary
Isabell E. Neill, Recording Secretary
and the required number of board members.

CCCC's regular meetng night is the second Thursday of each month in the Urupan Room, Culver Memorial Building, Culver City, corner of Overland Ave. and Culver Blvd.

—MILLICENT FISHEL

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Money is legal tender if a law prescribes that it must be accepted in payment of a debt.

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Gold is chemically inert and does not combine directly with oxygen, hence it retains its luster and does not tarnish.

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Elephant tails were once the favorite currency of Portuguese East Africa. They became awkward, however, after the natives learned how to match coins.

From the Desk of the Curator

Fred Tinkham **Jim Betton** **Nona Moore** **Peggy Borgolte**
Ed McClung **Dorothy Baber** **Everett Phillips**
Walt Keeney **Charles Kappen** **Irv Brotman** **Joy Parrish**
Don Webb **Don Finch** **Steve Album**
John Reynolds **Fred Coops** **Richard Johnson** **Roy Hill**
Poway Coin Club **Maurice Gould** **Fred Tinkham**

The above named members added more than one hundred numismatic items to our Californiana Collection. Wooden money, elongated coins, medallions and merchant's tokens received the most attention.

Fred Tinkham donated a very interesting railroad document concerning a proposed line between Fresno and Coalinga. The striking feature of the contract was that the railroad was offered a profit for building the line. After that, the company also was to receive all the rates for hauling freight.

Rolled coins in the Californiana Collection were upgraded greatly when **Ed McClung** donated a complete set of CSNA elongated coins from one cent to a half dollar. The accompanying photograph shows what a fine set it makes. **Nona Moore** shoved the rolled cent collection along even further with a rare one from the National Orange Show in San Bernardino.

Charles Kappen, John Reynolds, Don Finch and **Steve Album** added thirty merchant's tokens which CSNA did not have before. **Fred Coops** made it possible for CSNA to acquire a merchant's token for the high amount of $5 which was good at a grocery in San Bernardino before the turn of the century.

The medal section was increased when **Kappen** donated a virtually unknown CSNA convention item. It was minted for the 30th semi-annual convention as may be seen in the accompanying picture. **Joy Parrish** made certain that our Collection has one of the Lawndale dedication medals. Marion Davies and a film long forgotten are recalled by a token struck by William Randolph Hearst, mailed in by **Jim Betton.**

How about you? Do you have a California item which should be preserved for our museum?

If you do, please send it in to your curator or hand it to any CSNA officer. Remember, all donations are tax deductible on both the California and Federal income taxes.

Bryan Burke, Curator
2364 North "G" Street
San Bernardino, CA 92405

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FRANKLIN MINT RELEASES

Trinidad and Tobago, two separate islands in the West Indies, joined together as one single nation, a member of the British Commonwealth, have awarded a contract to The Franklin Mint for 1971 dated coins of the following denominations: bronze 1¢ and 5¢; cupro-nickel, 25¢, 50¢ and $1; and sterling silver $5. The latter will depict the Scarlet Ibis, a bird native to the islands.

In addition to the regular issue coins, a limited number of proofs are being struck for all seven coins.

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For the second consecutive year, the government of Jamaica has awarded The Franklin Mint the contract for its 1971 coins — 1¢ bronze; cupro-nickel 5¢, 10¢, 20¢, 25¢ and $1; and $5 in sterling silver. This latter coin will depict the Jamaican statesman Norman W. Manley.

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The Franklin Mint, world's foremost private mint, has been appointed the official minter for the United Nations. It has produced or is producing coins for the Bahamas, Panama, Tunisia, Trinidad and Tobago, and Jamaica.

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The U.S. three-dollar gold pieces were struck from 1854 to 1889, but because they were not popular were discontinued at that time.

OUR GAL — LAURA

On page 28, Winter 1971 issue of Calcoin News, appeared the numismatic life story of **Mrs. John J. (Laura) Nemez,** CSNA-1533.

Now — further honors have been heaped upon her: last June she was named the **"Woman of the Year"** by the Hollywood Park Chapter, American Business Women's Association. Selection of this person is made not only upon her ability and success in the business world, but on her participation in educational, character building, and community activities in the area in which she resides and works.

She is now eligible for competition for the national title "American Business Woman of the Year". (Announcement of the winner to be made in October at the association's national convention to be held in Anaheim.) We wish you the best, Laura.

The American Business Women's Association was founded in Kansas City in 1949, and has grown rapidly to more than 925 chapters, numbering about 55,000 active members throughout the United States. ABWA encourages women to seek additional training which will qualify them for advancement and stresses the value of business women keeping up to date on business procedures.

Copper Coins and Early Days at the United States Mint

By RAY BOWER, Ojai, CSNA 1310

The Philadelphia mint, established in 1792 under an Act of Congress of that year, had many problems with coinage, denominations, etc.

The first U.S. mint was built on property that was formerly the site of a distillery, located on Seventh Street in Philadelphia. Originally this ground on which the mint buildings were built was part of more than 60,000 acres of land sold by William Penn to the Pennsylvania Land Co. by deed dated 1699 and signed by him. The operation of the mint was handicapped by inadequate machinery (mostly hand operated), insufficient funds, and inexperienced employees.

The use of horses and oxen was of some assistance in the rolling mills. A pair of oxen were purchased from Thomas Roads for $60, but evidently they did not prove very satisfactory because no more were bought. However, the striking of coins was done by manpower. A steam engine was installed in 1816, but was not used for striking coins. Steam coinage presses were first used in 1836 after the mint had been moved to the second location at Juniper and Chestnut Streets in Philadelphia. Helpful and efficient assistance was rendered the night watchman in the first years of the mint by a savage dog, named Nero, purchased by the mint for $3.

The dies for the one cent pieces were cut by Robert Scott, who entered the employ of the mint in November 1793. The design was in accordance with the Act of Authorization. It is believed the obverse was an imitation of the bust on the medal made by the French artist Dupre, struck to commemorate the victories of Saratoga and Yorktown. At first the pole and cap were omitted, but later, in the same year, these too were added.

The design was not received with approval by the people, many of them objecting to the chain on the reverse as symbolic of slavery, and some thought that the head, which was supposed to be emblematic of Liberty, looked more like that of an idiot. The features of the head were changed, and the pole and cap were added, with the chain being changed to a wreath. But the coin was still unpopular. In fact it never became popular as a medium of exchange although acceptable specimens are now prized by collectors.

Coinage in the early years was small due to limited mint facilities, lack of copper and lack of demand. It had been expected and intended that the national coinage would eliminate foreign coins (mostly Spanish, Mexican and British) from circulation, but such was not the case. Foreign coins continued to circulate almost to the time of the Civil War.

The mint had to suspend operations frequently, because of breakdown, lack of bullion and plagues of yellow fever, and these factors account, in part, for many of our varieties.

Much of the copper bullion was purchased in the form of planchets; many of the planchets were imported from England. Some were of very inferior quality. Those for the 1799 cent are said to have been quite soft which may account for the rarity of

this date in choice condition.

The original law specified the cent was to weigh 264 grains, but this was reduced to 208 grains before any were struck. Further reductions were made from time to time, but the large cent and half cent were usually near their value as metal, sometimes exceeding it, so that they furnished a convenient means for the purchase of copper for commercial use. Many were melted down and used in this way.

Cents did not circulate to any great extent prior to 1830, except in large cities and the Eastern states. Many of the needs we find for cents today were non-existent in the early days—cheap newspapers, post cards, sales tax, etc., were almost unknown at that time so that the half dime was the smallest denomination needed for most early day transactions.

The half cent, struck at the same time as the large cent, was never popular or necessary. It had a small coinage and a small circulation. It was discontinued in 1857 with practically the entire issue of that year returned for melting. Most of these half cents are difficult to acquire in the better conditions.

(Reprint from the December 1965 issue of The Numisma, official publication of the Santa Barbara Coin Club.)

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BRITISH EMPIRE

"Crowns of the British Empire", second edition, by Richard J. Trowbridge, CSNA-1821, has recently been released.

This 170-page, hard cover book, is well illustrated, and includes general information and historical information of the British Empire, from Edward VI (1547-1553) to Elizabeth II (1952-present). Mintage figures are given, as well as retail values in three and/or four grades. This book is a "must" for the collector of British coins.

Price $5.00, and if not available at your local dealer may be ordered from Krause Publications, Iola, Wisc. 54945.

A BIG THANK YOU!

A letter dated July 23, was sent to various officers of CSNA by Nate Bromberg, in which he commented:

"As chairman of Cases and Lighting for the recent COIN convention held in Los Angeles, I discovered the night prior to the opening of the convention that we were short a considerable number of cases for the dealers and exhibitors. I was really in a bind, and could visualize chaos the following morning.

"It was suggested I call **Charles Colver.** He was not at home, but did return my call about midnight. After hearing my story, he told me we could use some CSNA cases and that he would bring 50 of them to the convention early in the morning. This he did, getting them there about 9:00 A.M.

"Charles is to be commended for his help and thoughtfulness in time of need. It required his getting up rather early, loading the cases in his own truck, and driving many miles to the Statler-Hilton Hotel.

"The purpose of this letter is to thank Charles for contributing to the success of the 1971 convention of COIN; and to thank CSNA for supplying the cases."

(Editor's Note:—The above letter which is considerable condensed down) was sent by Bromberg to several of the CSNA officers.)

This action by Charles is typical of him. He has never yet let anyone or any organization down — and has always done everything he could to be of assistance, regardless of the inconvenience it might cause him.

Charles deserves a big Thank You for his actions in this matter.

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LOST—OR—STRAYED

A check of our CSNA cases delivered to Fresno for our convention last spring, and of those returned to us, shows a loss somewhere along the line of seven cases.

We would appreciate it if everyone having anything to do with cases at that convention would check to see if they might have one or more of them in their possession. If they do, please inform our president, S. Everett Phillips, who will arrange to have them returned to us for future use.

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Mints in Morocco have been in Fez, Mogador, Tetuan, Marakesh and Rabat (the present capital).

OUR OUT-OF-STATE MEMBERS AND FRIENDS

Many of our members will recall the article "A Panama Pacific Gold Medal" of the 1915 Panama Pacific International Exposition, which was written up in the Winter 1968 issue of Calcoin Coins (and later reprinted in "Money Talks").

Under date of April 13 your editor wrote to the owner, Dr. Alexis O. Fernandez of Santurce, Puerto Rico, asking if he had any new information on this medal. His reply of May 31 reads: —

"I am sorry to say I have not uncovered anything new. I would have thought with my article in "The Numismatist" and your articles in "Cal-Coin News" that something would have come up. I'm afraid the answer lies in the personal papers of President Menocal; unfortunately these are in Cuba. Perhaps in the future one might be able to contact somebody in that country who might just be able to get the information we want.

"In the meantime, should I discover anything further regarding the medal, I shall let you know. I would appreciate it if you would do the same for me."

We re-print the following article which appeared in the June 22, 1971 issue of "Collector's Weekly": —

"A search of the vaults at the Georgia State Treasury turned up four cartons of scrip dating from 1862. It had been issued by the Western and Electric Railroad as a means of making change for riders who did not have the exact fare and could be used as cash when the person next used the train. Officials announced it would be deposited in the state archives."

From **W. R. Fanning,** CSNA-67, of Rogue River, Oregon, came the following letter to our secretary: —

"Saw in the Numismatic Scrap Book about the CSNA convention medal for the 48th. So am sending for one. How time does fly. I made the second convention, but have missed many since.

"Gave my second convention badge to Eric Werling along with many back issues of the Calcoin News and later badges, but haven't been able to attend any state conventions for some years now.

"Congratulations to you, Charles, for your long years of love and toil for CSNA — they should give you a medal!

"Regards to all the old timers who are still around."

It was good to hear from you, Bill, and to know that your interest in CSNA continues to be high.

From **Jim's Coin Shop,** of Newcastle, N.B., Canada, came a letter early in June to our secretary:

"Last Friday night Mr. Don Allen spoke to us and showed us your publibation — "Money Talks" — and some members of our club glanced throuugh it and found it to be excellent, and would like to know if we can purchase two copies for our club. As I am the local dealer I will give them to the club. Would you please let me know if the price is still $6 each, and if so would you please send two copies C.O.D. as soon as possible, or send them and let me know who to make the money order out to and we will send the money right away."

Needless to say, the two copies were forwarded immediately. Also, our thanks to **Harold Don Allen,** CSNA-2307, of Truro, N.S., Canada, for bringing the attention of our northern neighbors to our book "Money Talks". Those of our members and friends who are members of the Canadian Numismatic Association will find a most excellent review of this book by Allen on page 83 of the March 1971 issue of the CNA Journal. Our thanks to you for your help.

From Bucharest, Roumania, dated April 14, came the following letter from Elena Petrescu to our secretary: —

"Numerous members of the Roumanian Numismatic Society and A.F.R. desire to correspond with you, and to procure different pieces also— like the CSNA convention Palo Alto medal that we Roumanians know of only by hearsay. I ask you, of good will, to send a bronze reject outcast, without commercial value. Also I ask you to indicate paying conditions. In

this expectation I thank you very much."

A bronze Palo Alto convention medal, with the compliments of CSNA, was included in our secretary's reply to Miss Petrescu.

How the fame of CSNA does spread around!

In a letter dated June 1, our Australian member **W. deVroom** wrote:—

"Something funny is happening in Australia right now, regarding the 50¢ coins. Since 1966 a total of 70 million have been struck, and are still being struck. However, for every two that are put into circulation, only one eventually returns to the bank. Everybody now is wondering where the 35 million pieces have gone to! Savings boxes most likely."

Sounds to your editor that Australia is having the same experience that we had and are having with our 50¢ Kennedy pieces.

From Dr. B. Chropovsky, Director — Slovonian Academy, Archeologic Foundation, Nitra, Hrad, Czechoslovakia, came a 200-page, hard-cover book, entitled "Slovonian Numismatics, Book I", authored by Joseph Hlinka and his associates connected with the Foundation. Text in Slovonian. The book covers the finds of early century coins in the vicinity of the Foundation, and refers to the mints in operation and the materials used for making monies, medals, etc. during those early times.

In his letter of transmittal, Dr. Chropovsky advised that further volumes are being contemplated on a basis of one every two years, and asked if we were interested in an exchange of publications. Your editor advised him we were putting him on our complimentary mailing list for Calcoin News, and would appreciate receiving from him any future printing pertaining to numismatics. One copy each of Calcoin News for the years 1970 and 1971 were forwarded.

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From the Desk of the Secretary

NEW MEMBERS

2347 THOMAS, William .....
(sponsored by Hap Yeager)

2348 PIERSON, Doris M. .....4787 Castle Ave., San Diego, Calif. 92105
(sponsored by Dorothy Baber)

2349 McCLAFLIN, Myron L. .....2034 Malcolm Ave., Los Angeles, Calif. 90025
(sponsored by Charles Colver)

2350 HUTCHASON, Clark .....4145 Lincoln Way, San Francisco, Calif. 94122
(sponsored by the secretary)

2351 SPOONER, Peter D. .....111 Camino del Norte, Tucson, Ariz. 85716
(sponsored by William Wisslead)

2352 CHRISTENSEN, Henry .....P.O. Box 1732, Madison, N. J. 07940
(sponsored by Charles Colver)

2353 BUNGE, Walter L. .....920 N. Towner St., Santa Ana, Calif. 92703
(sponsored by William Wisslead)

2354 GUINN, Edgar T. .....215 E. Beverley St., Tracy, Calif. 95376
(sponsored by R. T. Hetland)

2355 EXPOSITO, Joseph A. .....2656-4 W. Fifth St., San Bernardino, Calif. 92410
(sponsored by the secretary)

DECEASED

358 EAST BAY COIN CLUB .....December, 1970
1087 HOWARD, F. E. .....July, 1971
327 BRAINARD, Karl M. .....August, 1971

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

Membership, May 15, 1971 1013
New Members, May 15 to August 1, 1971 9
Deceased 3
Net Membership, August 1, 1971 1019
1971 Dues Not Yet Paid 126
Total Life Members 116

NOTE: Please send your address change promptly to the secretary. Double postage has become a very important financial item.

—CHARLES G. COLVER

MEXICAN COINAGE OF THE SIXTEENTH CENTURY

By EDWARD SINS, San Jose

The first coinage of the American continent was struck at Mexico City between 1536 and 1570 by officials of the government of the King of Spain. Two coinage materials were used: copper and silver. The copper was issued in denominations called maravedi, and the silver coinage in reales. There were thirty-four maravedi to the real, and eight reales to the equivalent of a silver dollar.

Copper coinage was struck for a limited time during the early part of the period, and then was not resumed until the reign of Ferdinand VII (1808-1821). These coins, meant for use as subsidiary coinage in the New World, were despised by the Indians, who either destroyed them or threw them into Lake Texcoco. It was for this reason that the copper coinage was terminated. The coppers were struck in two denominations, two maravedi (which are very rare) and four maravedi (which are not common). Most of the pieces in existence today are badly corroded.

Silver coins, on the other hand, are reasonably available in grades good and above. Coinage was issued in denominations of one quarter real, one half real, one, two, three and four reales. The eight real coin was not issued until the reign of Phillip II later in the century. The quarter real and the three real piece were very rare; the one real is common. The half real, the two real and four real are neither rare nor common.

The coinage of 1536-1570 was manufactured in the same manner that coins had been made in Europe for centuries. The silver for these coins was first cast into a long thin bar and then rolled or hammered into thin sheets. (A plentiful supply of Indian slave labor was available for this process.) The planchets for the coinage were cut from the hammered sheets. The weight of each individual coin was not critical; it was only necessary that sixty-seven reales be issued for each mark (a measure of weight in that day) of silver brought to the mint. As a result, the underweight coins were spent and the overweight coins were clipped or filed to the correct weight (or a little less) with the holder accumulating the silver clippings.

Dies for the coinage were engraved by the use of a set of punches of various geometric shapes. The punchmarks were made one at a time in the die face according to a given pattern, the eventual result being a complete design. Examination of the coins with a good glass will easily reveal the individual punch marks in the die. Dies were generally not well hardened and tended to break easily. Since die collars were not in use at the time, the die shattered as soon as a break occurred. The result is that diebreaks are virtually unknown, and the number of different dies used is virtually unlimited.

The silver coinage is quite rich symbolically. The castles-and-lions design on the obverse is symbolic of the provinces of Castile and Leon in Spain, and were used on Spanish coinage until modern times. The words PLUS ULTRA and the Pillars of Hercules on the reverse were taken from the maps and charts of the time of Columbus. The Pillars of Hercules, in mythology, were the pillars that held up the sky at the end of the earth, and referred to the Straits of Gibraltar They appeared as a symbol on maps with the words NE PLUS ULTRA, "There is nothing beyond". JOHANNA REGES (obverse) HISPANIARUM ET INDIARUM (reverse) appears in a circle about the central design of the coin. The mintmark (M or M-o) and the assayer's initial appear on the obverse next to the castles-and-lions shield. On the half reales, the regents' initials K and I replace the castles-and-lions.

There are two basic types of the 1536-1570 issue, the "sin aqua" (without water beneath the pillars) which was coined from 1536 until 1542, and the water-beneath-pillars type (the common variety) which was coined from 1542 until 1570. All of the "sin aquas" are rare and can be distinguished by the fact that PLUS ULTRA is enclosed on a scroll and that Karolus is spelled with a K instead of a C or a CH. Of the later type pieces, the assayers A, R and S are rare, while assayers L and O are common. The G assayer is not rare but will bring a slightly higher premimum than L and O.

A royal proclamation of King Philip

II in 1570 decreed that the "Pillars of Hercules" design of the earlier Mexican coins be replaced with the coat-of-arms of Spain. The coins of the new design were the first to bear Philip's name; the earlier coins bore the name Carolus and Johanna even though Philip came to the throne in 1556. The reverse of the new coinage was also modified. The castles and lions (symbols of Castille and Leon) were moved out of the crowned shield and quartered in a cross called the Cross of Jerusalem. This cross can be distinguished by the circles at each of the four ends of the cross. This cross was used almost exclusively at the Mexico City mint.

The legend on the new pieces reads PHILIPPUS II D(E) G(RATIA) HISPANIARUM ET INDIARUM REX, which means Philip II, by the Grace of God, King of Spain and the Indies. The spelling of Philip's name varied. The coins were not dated. The mint mark, assayer's initial and denomination appeared at the left and right of the Spanish coat-of-arms. The coins were struck in five denominations: half reales, one, two, four and eight reales. The eight real piece, the famous "Piece of Eight" of pirate stories, is a predecessor of the U.S. silver dollar.

The coins of this basic design, which was used with only minor variations until 1734, are called cobs. The word cob is derived from the Spanish term cabo de barra, or end of a bar, and describes the method of manufacturing the planchets. The coinage metal was made into a cylindrical bar of approximately the diameter of the coins, and the planchets made by cutting a rough disc from the end of that bar. The disc was adjusted to the proper weight by clipping or filing the edges.

The minor coins of Philip II were not strictly speaking cobs, since they were manufactured in the same manner as the earlier Carolus and Johanna pieces. Eight real planchets (crown size) on the other hand, could not be manufactured by this method because the coins would be too thin for their diameter. The use of thicker sheets made cutting out planchets very difficult. As a result, the cobbing process was developed for the eight real. This method resulted in a poorer finished coin because of the planchet irregularities, but had the significant advantage of eliminating the need for hammering the silver into thin sheets. Mintmasters of the next century, who were primarily interested in turning out as much coinage as possible, ultimately applied this process to the manufacture of minor coinage as well.

Mexican coinage can prove difficult for the beginner to attribute to Philip II if the Roman numeral following Philip's name is not visible. The easiest way to do this is to observe the assayer's initial next to the coat-of-arms on the obverse. If that assayer is O, one may be assured that the cob is a Philip II. If the assayer is F, the coin may be a Philip II, a Philip III, or a Philip V. Utberg, in his yellow book of Mexican coinage published in 1963, lists the assayers P, O, F, E, G and A for Philip II. But in his later book on the coinage of colonial Mexico, he recants this statement in favor of the two assayers O and F. Your author has observed a fairly large number of coins of Philip II, most of them assayer O and all of the remainder, assayer F.

Should the coin one wishes to attribute have the assayer F, or should the assayer's initial not be visible, one can still determine whether or not the coin is a Philip II by counting the diagonal bars (at a 45 degree angle) in the lower left-hand corner of the coat-of-arms. Mexican coinage (this rule applies to Mexican coinage but not the coinage of Potosi in Bolivia) of Philip II uses two diagonal bars while the coinage of later kings uses three diagonal bars. Your author has observed only one exception to this, and that coin is of questionable authenticity for other reasons.

Philip II died in 1598 and was succeeded by Philip III, who ruled until 1621. So far as is known, it was during the reign of Philip III that Mexican coins were first dated, the earliest known date being 1600. Although Philip III issued undated eight reales resembling those of Philip II, his coinage is generally grouped with the coinage of Philip IV and Charles II, since his coinage more closely resembles theirs. Philip III issued no hammered coinage except in the half real denomination.

If a collector selects his coins only for their beauty, it is not likely there will be found among his collection a specimen of the Mexican coinage of the sixteenth century. The coinage was issued by mintmasters who were interested in producing a large volume of coinage, while having a minimum of coinage equipment and skilled labor

at their disposal. But should a collector desire his coins to be symbolically rich and to represent the times and the lives of the people who made and spent them, then Mexican coinage of the sixteenth century can be recommended.

Sufficient information has already been published that an interested collector can discuss his pieces with authority, while yet enough remains unwritten to present a challenge to the best of numismatists. These coins, finally, represent the only durable, easily-stored, easily-carried and easily-attributed souvenirs of a period significant to the history of all of the Western Hemisphere. And all of these four hundred years of antiquity can be had today for less than a ten dollar bill.

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A FEW NOTES ABOUT INDIA'S CURRENCY

By SOL TAYOR, Whittier—CSNA-1580

All notes are printed by the government for the Reserve Bank of India. Notes are printed in sheets of watermarked paper, and then cut into single notes and **stapled** into bundles of 100 for distribution to local banks (most banks are state-chartered) such as The Bank of Baroda, The Bank of India (Delhi), etc. After a bundle of notes is **stapled**, it is hand-counted for verification and a blue verification slip is **stapled** to the pack. Therefore, it is impossible to get uncirculated notes without at least a pair of staple holes in each note. In addition, many uncirculated notes have gone through two hand-counts and tend to have their corners a bit creased or even dirty. We managed to assemble (from several thousand new notes) a handful of clean, flat, crisp notes with a pair of staple holes (many had two pairs). This would qualify such notes as "Best Obtainable".

In 1969, the regular series of banknotes was supplemented by a complete issue of Gandhi commemorative notes. Regularly issued designs also came out in 1969. The one rupee note features the Gandhi one rupee coin on both sides — obverse on the front and reverse on the back. The other notes — 2, 5, 10 and 100 rupees — contain a portrait of Gandhi in a sitting pose on the reverse. No notes are issued in denominations between 10 and 100. There is a 1,000 rupee note, but it is so scarce that not even a single specimen could be found in the Delhi office of the Reserve Bank of India. With a face value of $140, it is the highest valued note ever issued and has no place in the Indian economy.

The paper on which the notes are printed is about the quality of 20 wt bond paper used in the United States. In India it has a very short life due to humidity and excessive handling. Many of the Gandhi notes in circulation less than a year were literally decomposing. Older banknotes are hard to find in very good condition. Apparently no one seriously collects Indian paper money and thus a real collector's find would be a series of Indian currency in crisp condition from Victoria to date. Even the museums in Bombay, Delhi and Calcutta lack many specimens in this series and those available are well circulated. India prints more currency than any other country in the world to meet its commercial needs and to replace currency that is worn out. The life of a one rupee note is about 45 days; a two rupee note about 60 days; a five rupee note about six months; a ten rupee note about one year; and a hundred rupee note three to five years — simply because these latter do not circulate very much.

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Sweden's scarcest commemorative coin is the riksdaler of 1821, of which only 7,339 pieces are said to have been struck.

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The "automobile" dollar of Kewichow, China, is known to have eleven die varieties.

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The English shilling, now discontinued, had the nickname of a "Bob".

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Shot For Money!

Cattle, corn, powder and shot were common articles of currency in the colony of Maryland, founded by Lord Baltimore.

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A ruba is a base silver coin of the modern Egyptian series, of the value of five piastres.

From the Desk of the Treasurer

APRIL 1 — JUNE 30, 1971

Balance Brought Forward (Commercial Account)		$ 5,339.62
Receipts:		
"Money Talks"	$ 385.80	
Membership Dues	615.00	
Sale of Back Issues, Calcoin News	70.53	
Banquet, Third Annual Symposium	372.00	
Silver and Bronze Medals, 48th Convention	948.12	
Bourse Fees, 48th Convention	3,250.00	
D & K Mfg. Co., 48th Convention	82.60	
Banquet and Registration, 48th Convention	1,758.75	
Ladies Luncheon, 48th Convention	41.80	
Bourse Fees, 49th Convention	510.00	8,034.60
Total		$13,374.22
Disbursements:		
Symposium, Third Annual	$ 460.06	
Printing—CSNA	970.98	
Librarian's Expenses	150.00	
NCNA Dues	2.00	
Curator's Expenses	91.50	
State Board of Equalization	43.28	
Postage Stamps	50.00	
Insurance, Display Cases (3 years)	113.00	
D & K Mfg. Co.	293.85	
Printing, 48th Convention	36.86	
Publicity, 48th Convention	368.22	
Security, 48th Convention	756.00	
Editor's Expenses, 48th Convention	100.00	
Secretary's Expenses, 48th Convention	100.00	
Convention Medals, 48th Convention	1,734.60	
Del Webb's TowneHouse, 48th Convention	1,391.95	
Liability Insurance, 48th Convention	50.00	
Photos, 48th Convention	40.00	
Fresno Numismatic Society, 48th Convention	210.30	
Telephone Calls, 48th Convention	63.21	
Trophies, 48th Convention	358.28	
Insurance, 1804 Dollar, 48th Convention	166.50	
Printing	21.26	7,571.85
Balance (Commercial Account)		$ 5,802.37
Balance (Savings Account)		6,519.55
Kennedy Half Dollars (Safe Deposit Box)		50.00
Grand Total (On Hand)		$12,371.92

48th Semi-Annual Convention

Convention Receipts	$8,258.75
Convention Expenses	6,165.41
Convention Profit	$2,093.34

—WILLIAM O. WISSLEAD

PAST PRESIDENT MEDALS

We have on hand a considerable number of Past President medals. Pictured above is the obverse of the medal honoring the founder and first president of CSNA — Calvert L. Emmons, M.D. Reverse shows the official CSNA seal, with the word "President" above, and the date 1947-1949 below.

These medals are 2" in diameter; struck in high relief by Medallic Art Co. of New York; and were designed by the nationally known sculptur Donald Dow of Phoenix, Arizona. As they were struck in very limited quantity, it will soon be impossible to acquire a complete set. **Order Now.**

Price is $5 for the bronze; $15 for the silver; and $18 for both. Orders should be sent to our secretary, Charles G. Colver, 611 N. Banna Ave., Covina, CA 91724.

Medals issued and quantity still on hand are:

Dr. C. L. Emmons — 1947 - 1949	bronze: 83	silver: 23
Ralph A. Mitchell — 1949 - 1951	bronze: 45	silver: 18
Leonel C. Panosh — 1951 - 1953	bronze: 86	silver: 29
Dr. N. A. Bowers — 1953 - 1955	bronze: 16	silver: 3
Robert G. McArthur — 1955 - 1957	bronze: 18	silver: 11
Herbert M. Bergen — 1959 - 1961	bronze: 16	silver: 8
Clifford L. Liss — 1961 - 1963	bronze: —	silver: 5
Winn Osborne — 1963 - 1965	bronze: —	silver: 9

TO LIVE A THOUSAND YEARS

By JOHN FIES, CSNA 15-6, San Carlos

With a little imagination and attention to the means, you can relive the great moments of 1000 years; yet have no need to submit to the anxieties and troubles of so long within the maelstrom of mankind's struggles.

Such does not mean to live like Methuselah whose days were "nine hundred sixty and nine years". (Gen. V-27.)

Perhaps you ask: "Why live a thousand years exposed to the concoctions of the rapid growth of man's knowledge, and a possible decline in his wisdom, such as may cast man out of his terrestrial garden?"

This however is addressed to collectors of coins. Especially those who are bored, or economically stalled, in their thrust to amass numismatic items by denomination, date and mint. And to you who are harrassed by pseudo numismatics, which — at the moment — may be of more value to their producers than to you.

Have you considered that the study of ancient coins of the epoch 500 B.C. through 500 A.D. can help one relive

those times. That is, relive the more pleasant, and escape, where desired, the more painful.

Have you held in your hand a coin, such as those with the symbols of the Turtle of Aegina or the Owl of Athens, or examined the coinage of Alexander the Great, and wondered about their people and their times?

One can hold such a coin in his hand and have it not only absorb the warmth of the hand but that of the mind. One may so activate a transcendency of the mind, call it a dream if you please, to somewhat feel and understand as if present at the time and places of that coin.

Yes you can—if you will—live a thousand years.

There are also coins of the Middle Ages of another 1000 years. Even the shorter period since the discovery of America has been numismatically eventful.

It would not be wise, at least at first, to attempt to relive among all nations, all races, nor all times. One should take it slowly. You may need to learn how to acquire such state of mind.

Why not select only one numismatic place in time and space, and let it grow from there according to your pleasure.

If you like romance, what about a Greek coin of Cleopatra VII. If you like Shakespeare, perhaps a coin of Julius Caesar; or mythology, a Pegasos coin of Corinth. Also there is the sea, and the coins of Syracuse with the sporting dolphins. For religious theme, coins with Hebrew devices, the Papal coins, or the coins of the Crusades.

When you select a point of beginning, by computer, personal study, or casting lots, obtain one coin of that time and place. It may cost less than you presuppose. Learn all you can about that coin, then in a quiet place hold it in your hand and let go your mind.

Could that coin but speak — the wondrous tales it might tell. Even greater than one's imagination can conjure. Stories of joy and pain. Of calm or of battle, and thus of life and death itself. Of ancient ships driven before the wind or moved by galley slaves. Of young lovers and of old age. Paid here for bread and there for poison. Received for sale of labor or material objects. Gambled, given, stolen, lost, tithed for good or paid for sin.

Yes, you can live a thousand years.

(Editor's Note: The above is one of the papers submitted in the 1970 Papers Contest of the Pacific Coast Numismatic Society.)

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PANART RELEASES

As most of our members know, PanArt of North Hollywood puts out the official CSNA souvenir convention first-day covers and elongated cents for our semi-annual conventions. (See Calcoin News, Summer 1971 issue, page 74, and the elongated coins illustrating the Curator's Column in this issue.)

We are now advised that PanArt has put out a considerable number of first-day covers pertaining to other important events, dates, etc., a few of which are: Israel Numismatic Society of Long Island; Wildlife Conservation; and 150 Years of Maine's Statehood. In addition they have on hand a considerable stock of elongated coins issued for various associations and covers.

Inquiries regarding the first-day covers and/or elongated coins should be sent to Ed McClung, c/o PanArt Co., P.O. Box 2525, North Hollywood, Calif. 91602.

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PALESTINE MANDATE

"The Coinage of the Palestine Mandate", second edition, by Richard J. Trowbridge, CSNA-1821, has just been released.

This 24-page, paper cover booklet, is of interest both to collectors of British Commonwealth coins and of Israel.

A short history of the Palestine Mandate, 1917 to 1948, is given, as well as descriptions of the coins issued for the Mandate from 1927 to 1947. Also reference is made to the issuance of paper currency during this period. Mintage figures for the coins are given; as well as average retail prices in four grades for the coins and paper money.

Price $1.50; and if not available at your local dealer may be ordered direct from Malter-Westerfield Pub. Co., P.O. Box 343, San Clemente, Calif. 92672.

SWEDEN

"The Modern Coinage of Sweden", by Scott Eric Cordry, has been released by Malter-Westerfield Publishing Co. This 75-page book covers coinage of Sweden from 1855 to date; is well illustrated; lists mintages; and shows values in five grades. One page is devoted to the explanation of pricing and grading; and another explains the difference between many of the Swedish and Norwegian coins.

It contains a preface, wherein Cordry gives his reason for writing the book, a few of his experiences while recently spending one year (his third year in university) in Sweden, and the present status of collecting in Sweden.

Price $6.00; and if not available at your local dealer may be ordered from Malter - Westerfield Publishing Co., Inc., P.O. Box 343, San Clemente, Calif. 92672.

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BRITISH OCEANIA

The fifth edition of the popular book **"The Coins and Tokens of British Oceania"**, by Robert L. Clarke, CSNA-1751, has been released recently.

This edition covers the coins of Australia, Fiji, New Guinea and New Zealand, and includes tokens of Australia and New Zealand. Values, mintages, names of the designers, and other important data is given.

This hard cover book of 162 pages, is well illustrated. Retail price is $6.00; and if not available at your local dealer may be ordered from Malter - Westerfield Publishing Co., Inc., P.O. Box 343, San Clemente, Calif. 92672.

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Sword dollar was a silver coin issued by James VI of Scotland, of the value of 30 shillings, which received its name from the upright sword on the reverse.

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Calendar of Numismatic Events

CALIIFORNIA STATE NUMISMATIC ASSOCIATION

Nov. 5-7, 1971.....48th Semi-Annual Convention
Miramar Hotel, Santa Monica
James L. Betton, general chairman, P.O. Box 533, Santa Monica 90406
Mike Zagorin, asst. gen. chairman, 4306 Jackson Ave., Culver City 90230
Gordon Z. Greene, bourse chairman, P.O. Box 3412, South El Monte 91733
James R. Briggs, exhibit chairman, 865 W. Marshall Blvd., San Bernardino 92405

March 25, 1972.....Fourth Annual Symposium
Boyd (High School) Auditorium, Long Beach
William O. Wisslead, chairman, 2053 Cypress Ave., Santa Ana 92707

April 21-23, 1972.....50th Semi-Annual Convention
Sheraton-Palace Hotel, San Francisco
Miss Ruth Ludwigsen, gen. chairman, 78 Arroyo Way, San Francisco 94127
John D. Sears, asst. gen. chairman, 517 Fourth Ave., San Francisco 94118
Don T. Thrall, asst. gen. chairman, 610 Arlington Ave., Berkeley 94707
Robert R. Johnson, bourse chairman, 62 Post St., San Francisco 94104
Roy Hill, exhibit chairman, 1140 Sutter St., San Francisco 94109

Fall 1972.....51st Semi-Annual Convention
On the fabulous "Queen Mary", Long Beach, if facilities on the ship are available — otherwise at the Hilton Hotel, Los Angeles

Fall 1973.....53rd Semi-Annual Convention
Disneyland Hotel, Anaheim

OTHERS

Sept. 16-19.....Tenth Annual Convention, Northern Calif. Numis. Assoc.
Jack Tar Hotel, San Francisco
Ed Sins, exhibit chairman, P.O. Box 5075, San Jose 95150

Sept. 19.....Second Annual Coin Show, Calico Coin Club
Dana Park, Barstow
Richard Houck, chairman, 36370 Iris Drive, Barstow

Sept. 19.....Eleventh Annual Coin Show, Ventura County Coin Club
Broadway Department Store, Ventura
Bob Stuart, chairman, 185 - H South Mills Rd., Ventura 93003

Sept. 26.....Ninth Annual Coin Show, Diablo Numismatic Society
Sunvalley Auditorium, Concord
Sam White, exhibit chairman, P.O. Box 21112, Casa Corello Sta., Concord 94521

Oct. 2-3.....14th Annual Coinarama, San Diego County Inter-Club Numis. Council
Town and Country Convention Center, Mission Valley, San Diego
Marcia Wise, bourse chairman, 1031 N. Ivy, Escondido 92025

Oct. 9-10.....13th Annual Coinarama, West Valley Coin Club
Carpenter's Hall, Van Nuys
Harold Donald, chairman, P.O. Box 221, Tarzana 91356

Oct. 16-17.....15th Annual Coin-A-Rama, Sacramento Valley Coin Club
Bishop Manogue High School, 21st and Broadway, Sacramento
Frank Frain, general chairman, P.O. Box 22212, Sacramento 95822

Oct. 23-24.....Sixth Annual Coinarama, Downey Numismatists
Women's Club, 9813 Paramount Blvd., Downey
Walter Snyder, general chairman, Box 165, Downey 90241

Oct. 29-31 .....Fourth Annual Coin Show, Numismatic Council of Orange County
Royal Coach Inn, Ball Road at Santa Ana Freeway, Anaheim
Mrs. Elizabeth Wisslead, publicity 2053 Cypress Ave., Santa Ana 92707

Nov. 11-14.....Annual Convention, Hawaii Numismatic Association
Outrigger Hotel, Honolulu, Hawaii
Clay Read, information, 11115 Allegheny St., Sun Valley 91352

Nov. 13-14.....Annual Coin Show, Delta Coin Club of California
Holiday Inn, 221 N. Center St., Stockton
John D. Pettine, general chairman, 2252 Sheridan Way, Stockton 95207

Nov. 14.....Sixth Annual Coin Show, Santa Cruz Coin Club
The Riverside, corner Barson and Riverside Sts., Santa Cruz
Mrs. Carolyn Hubbell, cor. secy., P.O. Box 991, Santa Cruz 95060

Jan. 9 1972.....Annual Coin Show, San Bernardino County Coin Club
Holiday Inn, San Bernardino

Jan. 29-30, 1972.....Fourth Annual Coin Show, San Jose Coin Club
Hyatt House, Bayshore and First St., San Jose
Marcus Reaves, bourse chairman, 224 N. Santa Cruz Ave., Los Gatos 95030

Feb. 20, 1972.....Annual Coin Show, Pajaro Valley Coin Club of Watsonville
High School Cafeteria, Watsonville
Club Information: — P.O. Box 605, Watsonville 95076

April 15-16.....Sixth Annual Coin Show, Eureka Coin Club
Redwood Acres Fairground, Eureka
Harry Dixon, bourse chairman, P.O. Box 505, Eureka 95501